

Modern Methods in Heterogeneous Catalysis Research



# Surface crystallography

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#### **Bravais lattices**

## INTERNATIONAL TABLES FOR CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

or

*International Tables for X-Ray Crystallography*, N. F. M. Henry and K. Lonsdale, Eds. (The Kynoch Press, Birmingham, 1969) ,chap. 1.

#### **Bravais lattices**

Table 9.1.7.1. Two-dimensional Bravais lattices

	Lattice parameters			Metric tensor		
Bravais lattice*	Conventional	Primitive	Conventional	Primitive/transf.†	Relations of the components	Projections
mp	a, b γ	a, b γ	811 812 822	g11 g12 g22		808
op	a, b	a, b $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$	g <sub>11</sub> 0	g <sub>11</sub> 0 822		
oc	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$	$a_1 = a_2$ $\gamma$	822	$\begin{array}{c c} & T(C) \\ g'_{11} & g'_{12} \\ & g'_{11} \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{l} g_{11}' = \frac{1}{4}(g_{11} + g_{22}) \\ g_{12}' = \frac{1}{4}(g_{11} - g_{22}) \\ g_{11} = 2(g_{11}' + g_{12}') \\ g_{22} = 2(g_{11}' - g_{12}') \end{array} $	
tp	$a_1 = a_2$ $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$	$a_1 = a_2$ $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$	g <sub>11</sub> 0 g <sub>11</sub>	g <sub>11</sub> 0 g <sub>11</sub>		
hp	$a_1 = a_2$ $\gamma = 120^{\circ}$	$a_1 = a_2$ $\gamma = 120^{\circ}$	$\begin{array}{c} g_{11} & -\frac{1}{2} g_{11} \\ g_{11} \\ g_{11} \end{array}$			

\* The symbols for Bravais lattices were adopted by the International Union of Crystallography in 1985; cf. de Wolff et al. (1985).  $\dagger T(C) = \frac{1}{2}(11/\overline{11}).$ 

#### **Structure examples: Overlayers**



Three possible arrangements yielding c(2x2) structures. Note: different symmetry but the same LEED pattern!



#### Method: LEED, low energy electron diffraction

Necessary: Surface science, UHV, p~10<sup>-10</sup> mbar



#### LEED is surface sensitive



# STM

Advantage:

• can look into the unit cell

Disadvantage: • only local (statistics)



#### **LEED** principle in one dimension



### Useful: Introduction of **reciprocal lattice**



#### **Ewald sphere construction**

- plot reciprocal lattice (rods)
- plot direction of incident beam (s<sub>0</sub>) towards origin of the reciprocal space (0,0)
- go from (0,0)  $1/\lambda$  along this direction
- make circle (sphere) with radius  $1/\lambda$
- direction from circle (sphere) center towards cut with reciprocal lattice rods gives direction of all possible diffraction spots (hk) (here k=0)

Usual arrangement:

Normal incidence, yields a symmetrical diffraction pattern



#### **LEED principle in two dimensions**



## LEED and symmetry

Table 2.2.13.3. Reflection conditions for the plane groups

Type of reflections	Reflection condition	Centring type of plane cell; or glide line with glide vector	Coordinate system to which condition applies	
hk	None	Primitive p	All systems	
:	h+k=2n	Centred c	Rectangular	
	h-k=3n	Hexagonally centred $h^*$	Hexagonal	
h0	h=2n	Glide line g normal to b axis; glide vector $\frac{1}{2}$ a	Rectangular, Square	
0k	k=2n	Glide line g normal to a axis; glide vector $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}$		

\* For the use of the unconventional h cell see Chapter 1.2.

#### **Glide line symmetry and LEED**



Real space

**Reciprocal space** 

LEED pattern

#### **Ewald sphere construction and beam energy**



Increasing the beam energy means increasing  $1/\lambda$ , i.e. a larger Ewald sphere

#### Experiment

- 10 nm TiO<sub>2</sub> deposited on Re(10-10) (known from XPS)
- Surface crystallography? LEED!





#### **Ewald sphere construction with facets**



#### Result of the experiment





Rutile(011)-(2x1) crystallites with facets according to the Wulff-construktion

Glide line symmetry

#### **LEED** and defects

Information from spot shape (profile), background,  $E_0$ -dependence (k<sub>1</sub>-dependence)

Nachweis von Oberflächendefekten mit Beugung							
Dimen - sion	Beispiele An	Einfluß auf Reflexprofil					
0	Punktfehler thermische Bewegung statische Unordnung	Anordnung: statistisch			K <u>t</u> Abhängigkeit keine		
		korreliert		$\checkmark$			
1	Stufenkanten Domänen (Größe, Grenzen)	statistisch regelmäßig	oder	<u>~</u>	periodisch (Stufen) keine (Domänen)		
2	Überstruktur			A A	keine		
	Facetten			11	periodisch		
3	Volumendefekte (Mosaik, Verspannung)		IN	1	monoton		
ideale Oberflächen			LA	Λ	keine		

Henzler, Göpel Abb. 3.8.10, p.176

Special method: SPA-LEED (spot profile analysis), complementary to STM

#### **Comparison with other methods**



Surface diffraction with X-rays, He-atoms and electrons. Example: diamond-type (111) surface like C, Si, Ge. The darkness of rec. latt. spots and rods symbolizes diffraction intensity

Horn-von Hoegen, fig. 2.1

### **LEED** – intensities

Spot intensities contain information on structure within the unit cell

 $I \sim |F|^2 \cdot |G|^2$ 

#### $|G|^2$ = lattice factor

contains shape and arrangement of repeat units (unit cells) yields reciprocal lattice determines location and shape of spots, kinematic theory

 $|F|^2$  = structure factor or scattering factor

contains contribution from all atoms within the repeat unit, includes multiple scattering, in-depth attenuation, dynamic theory

Multiple scattering Henzler/Göpel fig. 3.7.3, p.151

#### **LEED I-V** measurement





Dynamic LEED analysis: No direct deduction of structure from I-V-curves:

Guess structure model calculate I-V-curves compare with measured curves modify model check if improval if yes: proceed modifying in this direction if no: modify in another direction or guess new model

Disadvantage: Only for ordered structures Much computer time

#### But:

One of very few methods for structure analysis of first few atomic layers (~1 nm)





\_Fe<sub>oct2</sub>

#### **LEED in model catalysis - example**



#### **Distinguish different Fe-O-phases**



as measured



contrast enhanced

#### FeO(111)/Pt(111), 1 ML



Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>(111)



α-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(0001)

Change of order and phase during reaction



Starting surface:  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(0001) (hematite), defective



After reaction - no long-range order

- strong C peak in AES



After mild TPO (thermal programmed oxidation)

- reordered
- no longer hematite but  $Fe_3O_4(111)$ (magnetite

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